

CITY OWNS MUCH

More Than a Million Dollars in Property Is Listed.

Real, Personal and Mixed Public Values \$1,148,478.56.

WATERWORKS LEADS.

Municipal Plant Physical Value Is \$634,683.81.

W. H. Wasson, City Auditor, Prepares Table of Totals.

The city of Topeka owns more than \$1,000,000 worth of real estate, personal and mixed property. The exact figures amount to \$1,148,478.56.

For the purpose of making a "bank statement" of the financial condition of Topeka W. H. Wasson, city auditor, conceived the idea of collecting the values of Topeka city property and he found the above result.

The result comes as a surprise to the mayor and city commissioners and all connected with the municipal government. Never before has the city created a statement of this kind but it was not imagined that such a result would be shown.

The values are corrected to date April 1, 1910—but very little has been added since that time. They show that an immense increase has been made in assets in the last few years since the city has taken on such a marvelous growth. Each department has increased its physical and its working values in this time—and improvements amounting to many thousands could be made to an advantage if the city commissioners were not insisting on cutting down all expenses.

The largest property in possession of the city is the waterworks plant and equipment. This is an asset purchased a few years ago at a song—and now its working value is probably worth almost a million dollars alone. Its physical valuation is placed at a conservative estimate of \$634,683.81.

This excellent showing will be a blow to those who have declared for years that a municipal waterworks system is a loss to a city especially in Topeka.

Another surprise of the statistics prepared by City Auditor Wasson is the value of the public parks in Topeka. Park enthusiasts in this city who have pushed the out-door public propositions will be flattered to learn that Topeka has in rock bottom value \$219,170 in public parks. And all of these values are not down until they are almost ridiculous compared with the value of the property surrounding them. For instance, Euclid park of 4 1/2 acres is only valued at \$3,000, when city lots around it are selling at \$800 each.

The most valuable park, according to the Wasson figures, is Central park, located in the southwestern part of the city. It contains but 15 acres and is valued at \$80,000. And the city could receive much more for it if it was placed on sale this evening.

The Topeka public buildings follow with a value of \$115,118. This includes the Auditorium and all public houses, but it doesn't include the water plants, the fire stations, etc.

The fire department comes a close second to the public buildings, with a value of \$107,731.42.

It has been mentioned by people interested in the commission form of government that the mayor and four commissioners elected by the city are in charge of a \$60,000,000 corporation when they tackle a job of this kind. It will be seen by the figures prepared by W. H. Wasson that the mayor and commissioners not only have the entire city to care for as a whole but they have a little million dollar institution of their own to keep up and maintain.

The condensed table below will show how the property, mixed and personal values, are distributed:

PUBLIC BUILDING.
City hall, city prison, detention hospital, crematory and sewer pumping station \$115,118.00
Office furniture, etc..... 2,996.00

Total.....\$ 118,114.00

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.
Real estate.....\$ 4,673.00
Personal, machinery, etc..... 58,358.25

Total.....\$ 63,031.25

ENGINEER'S OFFICE.
Tools, wagons, etc.....\$ 770.85

FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Real estate, six stations.....\$ 43,740.00
Equipment, six stations..... 88,991.42
Alarms, boxes, etc..... 13,154.28
Cisterns, lines, etc..... 5,971.50

Total.....\$ 107,731.42

POLICE DEPARTMENT.
Personal, tools, etc.....\$ 766.25

STREET DEPARTMENT.
Personal, tools, etc.....\$ 3,808.00

Total.....\$ 4,574.25

WATERWORKS.
West end pump station.....\$ 117,979.35
Harrison street station..... 59,889.99
Street department..... 4,175.00
Office fixtures..... 3,255.41
Distributing system..... 411,867.12
Other equipment..... 9,740.21

Total.....\$ 634,683.81

CITY PARKS.
Willow, 5.03 acres.....\$ 10,000
Children's park..... 2,500
Gage park, 80 acres..... 7,000
Buffalo (six)..... 3,500
Tools and machinery..... 720
Swans (six)..... 102
Deer (ten)..... 300
Wagons..... 535
Westlawn, 3 1/2 acres..... 8,000
Central, 15 1/2 acres..... 80,700
Chesney, four acres..... 12,000
Garfield, 20 acres..... 13,000
Equipment..... 6,500
City park, 8 1/2 acres..... 20,700
Huntton, 1/2 acre..... 3,000
Holliday, 1 1/2 acres..... 10,000
Lakewood 18 acres..... 2,000

Total.....\$ 219,170.00

Grand total.....\$1,148,478.56

STUBBS PLEASED.

Work of the Legislature as a Whole Satisfactory.

Still Undecided About the Inheritance Tax Law.

Governor Stubbs today expressed himself as pleased with the work of the legislature. "I regard the fish and game bill and the utilities bill as passed by the legislature as two measures far reaching in their benefits to the state," he said. "The fish and game law alone will be worth millions. I do not like the amendments made to the inheritance tax law. The old law is bad. The exemptions are not high enough and they catch the man and woman of moderate means and that is not the intention of the law. Had the legislature raised the exemption that would have been well and good, but lobbyists came here and worked to get injurious amendments to the law that acts in favor of the estates of a few rich people now under process of settlement. The legislative amendments to the law cancel these estates now in process of settlement and that is not right."

Governor Stubbs did not say whether or not he would veto the law as amended by the legislature. He sent a message to both houses yesterday expressing his disapproval of the law and the house and senate by concurrent resolution called the bill back. Then at noon today, on motion by Brown of Kingman, the house voted to send the bill back to the governor without action. If the governor vetoes the bill, the old law will continue in effect and its exemption is low, covering estates of \$5,000 and over. If he lets the amendment pass, it goes through it allows the big estates now in process of settlement to be cancelled.

Orr of Atchison, slipped one over today on the friends of the private hospital who have tackled the Atchison Orphan's home appropriation on the private hospital appropriations. He got the Atchison home appropriation totaling \$40,000 a year and \$4,000 improvements attached to the bill providing for the appropriations for the executive and judicial departments of the state. This bill passed the house and will have to go through the senate. If the senate, which stands for the private hospital donations, holds out in its course then the state departments will have to do without money for two years.

But the Atchison home for the orphans of soldiers, a state institution might have suffered annihilation had it been allowed to remain as a rider on the private hospital appropriations bill. Now the private hospital bill can die without harm coming to the Atchison home. The house voted unanimously for the Orr amendment to the state department appropriation bill.

The compensation bill is still in conference. The private hospital bill will likely die now that the Atchison home rider has been removed. The claims and accounts committee bill will go to conference and may deadlock the house and senate tonight.

The bill amending the inheritance tax law was called back from the governor by the legislature today on concurrent resolution and an effort will be made to amend that section regarding unsettled estates. The governor had threatened to veto the bill if the taxes from these estates involving nearly \$100,000 were cancelled by the new law. If the bill is vetoed the old law stays in effect and the legislature is just as anxious as the governor to have it amended raising the exemptions for direct heirs.

The conference committees on the compensation act, the private hospital bill are still in a deadlock and this may hold the legislature in session after the hour set for adjournment, 6 o'clock tonight. The claims and accounts committee bill may also go to conference and tie up the two houses, especially if the Topeka paving claim of \$32,000 stays in the house bill.

The house passed the miscellaneous claims bill today. Among the nineteen items of this bill were those for Alex. Mitchell and G. H. Buckman for \$4,000 each for services as attorneys in the bank guaranty case. The legislative telephone bill with the two companies was \$2,170 with the discount. The telephone bill with the two companies was \$2,170.

The bill making appropriations for the executive and judicial departments passed the house without any amendment of importance. The contingent funds for the various state offices are about the same as they were two years ago. The governor and attorney general and bank commissioner get \$10,000 each. The adjutant general's department gets \$129,300 for the next two years.

An amendment was made to this bill that will interest Topeka. The state heating plant is to burn oil hereafter instead of coal, and \$2,000 was appropriated for installing oil burners. Elder of Franklin county should have the credit for this innovation for doing away with smoke nuisance. Elder is a member of the ways and means committee.

Davis of Kiowa also got an amendment through on the miscellaneous bill appropriating \$1,000 for storm doors for the ground floor entrances to the state house.

Speaking of Shawnee pioneers, McComb of Stafford county, member of the house, first came to Topeka overland in 1838 from Iowa and settled seven miles west of town. He lived here for ten years, leaving in 1868 when Topeka was still a village, and moving to Wabunne county. He stayed there five years and then moved to Stafford, where he homesteaded a piece of land where he still makes his home. McComb in a stock man as well as a farmer and served as one of the Stafford county commissioners from 1885 to 1892. During his stay in Topeka this winter he can draw a sharp contrast with his former residence here a half century ago. McComb was a faithful member of the session, taking a deep interest in all matters of legislation.

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IS IT BEN CRAVENS?

Man Resembling Kansas Outlaw in Missouri Prison.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 10.—A convict who came to the penitentiary under the name of Charles Monst a few weeks ago closely resembles "Ben" Cravens, the notorious outlaw who escaped from the Kansas penitentiary after serving a sentence for murder. After a careful investigation the penitentiary officials have decided that they are sure Monst is Cravens and have notified the federal officers who arrested him. One of the United States secret service officers is due to arrive here tonight. Warden Andrae and his deputies believe there can be no doubt the man known as Monst is Cravens.

Cravens, E. E. Estell and Samuel Smith escaped from the penitentiary November 16, 1900, by using dummy revolvers made of wood. They were at work in the bottom of a coal shaft when they suddenly flashed the wooden revolvers upon the guard. He was bound and gagged and the hoist signal was given. At the top of the shaft they shoved their dummy revolvers at the guards whom they marched to a gate which the tower man opened at the order of the guards. Outside the walls they took a rifle from a guard. Smith was killed and the others escaped.

Estell was captured at Memphis, but

officers never got near Cravens. Both men were convicted of murder. Cravens was an outlaw with a long record of crime in Oklahoma.

IT'S WARMING UP.

Mayor Campaign Reaches the Automobile Stage.

The McNeal for mayor campaign will be waged with a vim tomorrow, a round dozen of street meetings having been arranged, the first to take place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the corner of Sixth and Kansas avenues. Aside from Mr. McNeal there will be other speakers.

Beginning at 5:05 o'clock and continuing every 15 minutes eleven meetings will be held at the following places and hours: Second and Madison streets, 5:05; Fourth and Kansas streets, 5:20; Sixth avenue and Lake street, 5:35; Kansas avenue and Laurel street, (North side) 6; Fourth and Taylor streets, 6:30; Eighth and Clay streets, 6:30; Tenth and Morris avenues, 7; Huntton and Buchanan streets, 7:15; Seventeenth and Buchanan streets, 7:30; Seventeenth street and Kansas avenue, 8.

The large automobile in which Mr. McNeal will be taken from place to place will be lavishly decorated with campaign signs. Other meetings are being arranged by the campaign management.

The Lux Meetings. Tonight at 7:30 the Lux-for-mayor committee will hold an enthusiastic meeting at the Baughman ice cream factory in Quinlan Heights. Tomorrow night the supporters of this candidate for mayor will meet in the Knights and Ladies of Security hall. Last night a big meeting, well attended was held at Chiles' hall, Twelfth and Washington streets.

HELP LOCAL CONCERNS.

Topeka Taxpayers Would Keep Paying Work Here.

Petitions loaded with signatures are going over the city today asking the city commissioners to grant to the Kaw Paving company of this city the contract to lay 25 blocks of asphaltic concrete pavement in Topeka. The bids for this pavement received by the commissioners Thursday showed

that the Kaw Paving company was second lowest in the proposals. The Cleveland Trinidad company bid lower—enough to make it cost each property owner about \$3 a lot more or 30 cents a year for ten years.

The property owners paying for the largest part of this pavement believe that the Topeka company should have the contract. They contend that it means all Topeka labor, all Topeka supervision, and eventually nearly every cent stays in this city instead of being paid to out-of-town companies and to workmen shipped here from other cities temporarily.

It is contended also that the Cleveland Trinidad company belongs to a trust of paving companies that is trying to force the Topeka concern out of business. It is alleged that in doing so they do inferior work—although this is not known regarding the Topeka pavement.

The city commissioners will not grant the contract until next Thursday. They are all willing that the Topeka company have the contract if the taxpayers say so.

KILLED IN WRECK.

Tramp Loses Life on Missouri Pacific Near Bushton.

Bushton, Kan., March 10.—Missouri Passenger train No. 3 which left Kansas City for Pueblo, Col., yesterday morning was wrecked one mile east of here early today. An unknown man who was beating his way on the train, was killed. All the coaches excepting the dining car left the rails. None of the passengers was injured. A broken rail is believed to have caused the accident.

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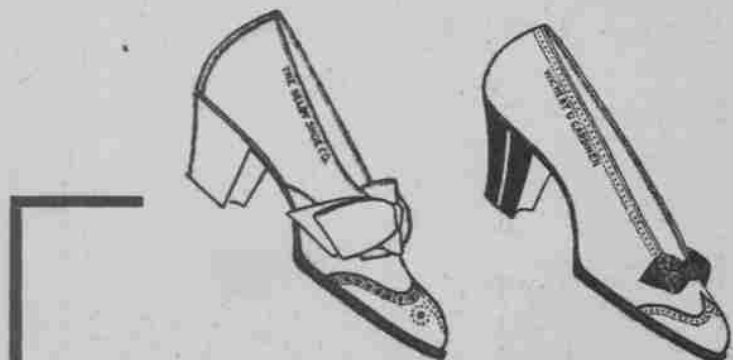
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